

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding Official Action. The present amendment is intended to be fully responsive to the Official Action and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and allowance of the present application are hereby respectfully requested.

The Official Action comprises a restriction requirement. Applicant hereby elects Group I, comprising claims 84 - 122, 124 - 140, and 153 - 165 without traverse. The non-elected claims 123 and 141 - 152 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the non-elected claims in the context of one or more divisional applications.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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